GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:557
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2007
NON- PROCUREMENT OF RAPESEED, MUSTARD (RAI) BY NAFED
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh;Patel Shri Jivabhai Ambalal

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) is not in a position to purchase rapeseed, mustard (rai) from the farmers due to shortage of godowns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 557 DUE FOR REPLY ON 14TH MAY, 2007.

(a)&(b): No, Sir. National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) has made arrangements for procurement of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of rapeseed/mustard seed from the farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.1715/- per quintal during Rabi crop season of 2006-07 including the space for its storage. It has been reported by NAFED that during the current Rabi crop season, the prices of mustard seed are generally ruling above MSP. However, NAFED has procured 20,840 MT mustard seed under PSS during Rabi 2006-07 season in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhatisgarh and Punjab from the farmers through State Cooperative Marketing Federations/Oilseeds Growers Cooperative Federations wherever the prices ruled below the MSP.